

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department - Conduct of GM crop Field trails - NOC from state Government – Constitution of a Committee – Orders – Issued.

-AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

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Note from the ANGRAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

O R D E R:

Bio-technology(BT) of late, has become an important source of crop improvement. BT research is progressing at an accelerated pace all over the world and needs encouragement in the State also. Government of A.P. has raised no barriers to BT experiments and research in the State till now. While the system of regulating BT research is fairly well established at Govt. of India level, the same is at very primitive stage in the State. Various scientific institutions, Universities and Bio-technology companies have been conducting basic trials (strip tests) and larger bio-safety research trials (BRL) 1 and 2 in the State, based on the approvals given by the Review Committee on Genetically Modified Crops (RCGM) and Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee(GEAC). Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) set up at Govt. of India level are being followed by the State agencies also. While RCGM & GEAC permitted Bio-technology trials all over the country till last year, they have now altered the method and seeking permission State Government (Agriculture Department) for conduct of GM crop field trials from this year onwards.

In view of the above circumstances, Government after careful consideration hereby constitute a Committee with the following to review the situation from time to time and also to reflect on the requests for Bio-technology trials (Institutional Strip Tests and also BRLs):

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| 1. Principal Secretary to Govt.(Agri),
Agriculture Department. | ... Chairman |
| 2. Commissioner & Director of Agriculture
A.P.Hyderabad. | ... Member |
| 3. Vice-Chancellor, Acharya N.G.Ranga
Agricultural University, Hyderabad. | ... Member |
| 4. Director of Research, Acharya N.G.Ranga
Agricultural University, Hyderabad. | ... Member |
| 5. Special Secretary/Additional Secretary
/Joint Secretary, Agriculture Department. | ... Member Convener. |

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Secy. to Govt(Agri)., Agri. & Coop. Dept.
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.

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The Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, Hyderabad.
The Director of Research, ANGRAU, Hyderabad.
The Special Secretary to Govt., Agri. & Coop. Dept.

Copy to:

The Addl.Secy. to C.M.
The P.S. Dy.Chief Minister(Agri).
The P.S. to Prl. Secy.(Agri).
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